Rhode Island Profile

Why State Grants Matter

State grant programs have the potential to make college possible for many students who could not otherwise afford to enroll. Grant policies vary widely across states in terms of their funding levels, whether they are based on financial or academic criteria or a combination of the two, and which students and institutions are eligible.

Rhode Island Residents

30% of Rhode Island residents have a B.A. degree
70% of Rhode Island students attend an in-state college

$51,914 Median household income in Rhode Island (2010)

Rhode Island’s State Grant Program

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Funds disbursed: $11,001,880
Number of recipients: 14,431
% of all state grants: 100%
Avg. aid per recipient: $762

(See Appendix B of the full report for a complete listing of grant programs)

Colleges in Rhode Island – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$11,001,880 in student aid funds disbursed by

1 state grant program.

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009-2010
$8,503 RI
$7,050 U.S. AVG.

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010
$627 RI
$168 U.S. AVG.

% funding of publics from state/local gov, 2008-2009
23% RI
29% U.S. AVG.

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010
100% RI
73% U.S. AVG.

Eligibility criteria:
Financial